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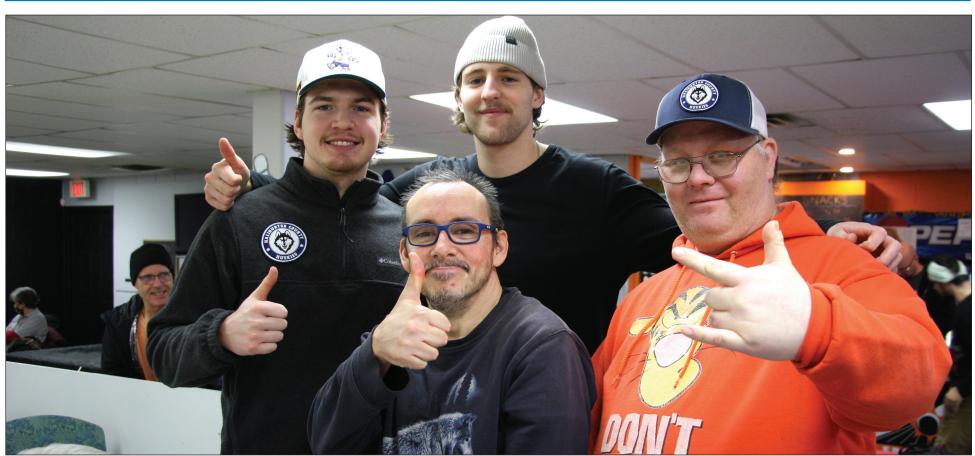
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### The Huskies and the Red Wolves rock and bowl

Chris Stevens, Russell Whetstone, Josh Currie and Jason Kitchener pose for a photo between their bowling games on Feb. 22 at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. See more photos on page 9. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

## County brings climate change efforts to Minden Hills

Municipalities are on the front lines of tackling the fallout from climate change.

And as the upper tier voice, Haliburton County has taken steps to shepherd its partner townships to address the changes.

Korey McKay, the county's climate change coordinator, addressed Minden Hills town council Feb. 23 about efforts under-

taken countywide to combat climate change.

The county and its local municipalities approved a Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan in late 2020. Two years later, they inked a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan. And a Community Climate Action Plan for the county is in the works.

"The county of Haliburton is already ex-

periencing the impacts of climate change," she said.

That's manifested in more extreme precipitation events with longer dry spells. Local water levels have exhibited higher highs and lower lows. There's been more extreme heat events, more extreme storms, including ice storms and thunderstorms, and future cli-

mate projections indicate such impacts will become more frequent and intense over the coming decades.

According to a progress report distributed by the county to its lower tier municipalities, those impacts are contributing to damage to

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# County delays decision on Dysart housing

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County council will take some time before it decides the fate of a housing development on Grass Lake in

Harburn Holdings wants to build 88 condominiums and a commercial property on Peninsula Road and County Road 21 on Grass Lake in Dysart et al. Space will also be set aside for affordable housing.

The lower tier municipality has already approved a landuse bylaw amendment of the property pending Haliburton County's go-ahead. During its regular meeting Feb. 22, county council deferred its decision for a variety of reasons until March 22.

Stephen Stone, the county's director of planning, told council that he recommended the amendment be approved. He said the county's role in the process was to ensure Dysart adhered to provincial planning legislation and both the county's and municipality's Official Plans when evaluating the

"As it stands, the county is the approval authority," he said. "The final action to allow this amendment to Dysart Official Plan to occur."

Then, later: "What was of interest to us at the county level was ensuring that there was a fulsome review of provincial policy, county policy, as well as local Official Plan policy."

Stone said the township met all those obligations and the various required expert reports have been properly peer reviewed. As such, there's no reason for Haliburton County to stand in the way of Harburn Holdings' plans.

So it's a done deal, yeah?

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, took umbrage with the limited time county councillors had to go through the provided information required to inform each of their votes.

Carter said he and his colleagues had to mine 486 pages of information to "separate the wheat from the chaff" mere days before the council meeting.

"I now know what the concentration of beryllium is in some of the wells, and I'm not really certain that's important to making our decision," he said.

Councillors received their agenda packages at noon on a Friday before a long weekend. He said that gives them less than a day to inform their decision.

"I'll state categorically up front that I certainly won't be voting on any motion today because there just hasn't been enough time for me to absorb it," he said.

Concern for the environment and housing drew Carter to municipal politics.

"Somehow this project seems to have pitted those two against one another," he said.

He realizes his role at the county level is to vote on the issue. But, at the same time, he said, he has to weigh that against the concerns of his constituents in Minden Hills.

"Lots of my constituents have issues with this," Carter said. "I'm just trying to get enough information to be able to say one or the other. I just don't think I'm going to get it in the next 30 minutes or so."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands' deputy mayor, shared Carter's concern about the limited time to get educated on the issue.

"It is helpful to read it all," she said. "It is difficult to sort of sort out what parts of it applies to the decision for this table versus the decision that was faced by the municipality."

Dailloux wondered what information was included as background details and what information in the agenda package was actually necessary to inform a decision.

"If this is a decision we take on the basis of planning justification only, of which the ticks have already been filled in all the boxes, then that's a very different story," she said. "And perhaps I'd be prepared to proceed today with a vote.

"But if things like environmental protection, stormwater management fall to this table to consider, I have to say I'm alongside Coun. Carter that I believe I'd need some more time to digest some of those things."

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, said he understands the condos will be serviced by Dysart's municipal sewer. But the proponent is to run a means of water provision as opposed to using municipal wells to provide

Ryall asked what would happen should the proponent no longer be involved in the property?

Stone said there would indeed be a private proponent-established on-site water system.

"Typically, what you'll find is responsibility agreements are entered into at the municipal level," Stone said.

Such agreements ensure total replacement of the privately maintained systems if the proponent walks away.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, suggested issues such as municipal stormwater management doesn't fall under the county's purview.

"Specific to the mandate of county council, our review at the staff level really focuses on consistency with provincial policy statement and then conformity with the policies within the county Official Plan," Stone said.

He said all the attached documents in the more than 450 pages have been included for the edification of councillors. Simply, it's to better illustrate how the proponent and Dysart have adhered to the necessary provincial, county, and mu-

"The documentation that I've provided, I hope, would help support our analysis so that you had the comfort to make those decisions," Stone said.

Ryall said there's a need for housing in Haliburton County. It's just non-negotiable, he said.

"Do you have a question, Coun. Ryall?" said Danielsen.

"The housing justifies itself. The economy justifies itself. The taxation justifies itself," Ryall said. "But the over-400 pages doesn't."

He listed four documents in the myriad of information



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— MAYOR BOB CARTER



given to councillors as the points of issue that needs their

"The rest are FYI," he said. "Is there any way, shape, or form that we can get a consolidated report from you (Stone) indicating, as Coun. Dailloux said, the things that we are accountable for making decisions on as opposed to all this stuff, which is important but has absolutely nothing to do with our decision-making.'

Coun. Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, said issues like stormwater management isn't part of the county council's

"There are a lot of concerns," Fearrey said. "Councillors hear that. I hear it and I know there's concerns.

"But, on the other hand, who are we to listen to? Are we going to listen to professionals or are we going to listen to people who don't want the development?"

Tony Usher, a planning consultant on behalf of Harburn Holdings, said the Official Plan amendment represents good planning and is in the public interest. The county's own staff has said the application is supported by work done by qualified professionals. And, except for an archeological study, that work has been independently peer reviewed.

"No contrary technical reports have been put forward," Usher said.

Then later: "My client and I continue to remain ready to try to accommodate resident concerns and improve mutual understanding," he said. "The door is always open."

Danielsen said she's very much in support of protecting wetlands and lakes.

"Of course we need housing, we need it badly, but I am a bit concerned about the fact that there is some commercial component to this particular development," she said.

"I'm concerned that the lake is at capacity. And I'm really concerned and ticked off to no end to hear about the amount of work that's been done to clearcut the property to change the water courses."

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## Extreme weather warrants conversation

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public and private infrastructure and impact public health.

Adapting to more variable and extreme weather, protecting our natural assets, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will improve community health and wellbeing, generate local job opportunities, decrease local energy costs, and avoid long-term costs from damage from climate impacts down the road," according to the report.

The county-wide Climate Change Plan consists of three phases: corporate climate change mitigation, corporate climate change adaptation, and community mitigation and

The Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan is intended to guide the county and local municipalities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations.

The Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan is intended to guide the county and local municipalities to prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change on municipal assets, operations and services.

The Community Climate Action Plan will be designed to create a pathway for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilience across the community.

"The county continues to grow in both permanent and seasonal residents, causing an increase in municipal service demands," McKay wrote in her report.

"Assessing progress toward our climate action goals and outlining implemented actions provides an opportunity to highlight achievements while ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the climate change planning process."

# Lawyer asks county to defer condo decision

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An environmental group has asked Haliburton County to halt all development on Grass Lake and to reject a proposal to build condominiums there.

The Friends of Grass Lake brought their concerns to county council when it met Feb. 22 to discuss Harburn Holdings' pitch to build 88 condominiums on Grass Lake at Peninsula Road and County Road 21 in Dysart et al.

Dysart previously approved a land use amendment for the area. It was brought to the upper tier level to ensure all provincial, county, and municipal planning policies were adhered to regarding the proposed development.

County council deferred its decision for a variety of reasons until March 22.

Carolyn Langdon of Friends of Grass Lake [FOGL] said the group would like Haliburton County to ensure the property remains classified as rural and to protect those wetlands for the benefit of all residents.

"Existing studies and indicators show a lake in distress," Langdon said. "It's undoubtedly the most polluted lake in the county, and further studies will confirm this."

She urged local politicians work with concerned residents to lobby Queen's Park to enact tougher development restrictions for the highlands.

"The Highlands deserve special consideration because of the fragile nature of our environment and the important ecological services we provide to downstream communities," she said.

Poor land use decision will endanger the region's clean water and intact forests, she said.

Catherine Swift is also a member of the group. She said there's more people opposed to development on Grass Lake than just those who are in FOGL.

They gathered more than 900 signatures last fall on a petition against the condo development.

"Our petition process, it really revealed a depth of distress and resignation that people across the board felt in the face of little municipal oversight to protect the environment," Swift said.

It was clear that a special meeting last fall about the development was "a sham," she said, and added that approval for the housing build was likely a foregone conclusion.

"It doesn't give one confidence in government decisions in future," she said. "We're certainly not opposed at all to multi-density housing. But this is the largest residential development to come before your council."

They have a problem with a development of Harburn's size being "shoehorned into a very narrow strip of land adjacent to one of the last remaining wetlands within the settlement area of Haliburton."

Simply put, Swift said the land in question was designated in the Official Plan as rural and an environmentally protected

"A wall of condos and commercial development adjacent to a wetland will have serious repercussions for the entire Kashagawigamog watershed," Swift said.

Raj Kehar, planning lawyer from the firm WeirFoulds, spoke on behalf of Haliburton Veterinary Services. His client's land is located near the condo development on Peninsula Road. His client operates an animal hospital and clinic on the property, but there are also rental properties.

There are significant concerns about the impact the development will have on the quality and quantity of water available to the clinic and housing tenants, should it be allowed to proceed.

As such, Kehar asked county council to defer by a minimum of three months its decision on the proposed development to allow more time for an agreement between his client and the developer that addresses those concerns about well

"There is a private well on our client's property, and it was pump-tested in April 2020 by the developer in support of their development application," Kehar said. "Immediately following that pump test, our client experienced sediment in their drinking water supply."

He said the initial safe drinking water was turned to "brown sludge almost immediately." He said water quality issues are continuing.

Kehar's client has also reached out to MTE Consulting, a professional independent hydrogeologist. Those consultants will peer review Harburn Holdings' water reports and peer review the peer review of reports prepared for Dysart.

"It's a very focused analysis," he said. "And I think it's important that focused analysis be given some time to occur and for a consultations and discussions to be had between our clients hydrogeologist and the developer's hydrogeologist."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said county council will consider the deferment request.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, said he'd be willing to take another 30 days, but he doesn't think three months is necessary.

Tony Usher, a planning consultant representing Harburn Holdings, said Harburn Holdings is committed to ensuring there will be a clean and secure drinking water supply for the

Usher said Dysart council heard much in support for and against the development. The municipality got feedback from its own staff and made a decision.

Any comments and questions that required clarification were previously addressed by Usher or the proponent, he

"To the extent these same points have been made again in the (agenda attachments), I believe that we have already answered them," Usher said. "So I'm not going to take up your time today by plowing that ground over again.'

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said she understands that, in the interest of time, Usher couldn't address all the concerns broached by FOGL's representatives.

"But I do think that there was an opportunity there to address some of those concerns," she said. "I'm not sure at what stage they'll be addressed now, which is unfortunate from my perspective."

As people tend to choose the shortest route to a destination. Dailloux asked Usher if there is going to be a physical barrier to prevent people from accessing the development's wetland area to get to the lake.

"Friends of Grass Lake made many, many statements, basically all of which they have made before, and which we have already addressed in submissions to Dysart, probably in about 25 pages of letters (of response) and in many, many comments that were I made at the Dysart public meeting, Usher said.

Regarding the shoreline, people can't access most of the highwater mark. There is a single spot by which the shoreline can be accessed, he said. But there are cattails that act as a barrier to protect wetland.

"Beyond that, the water is essentially inaccessible," he said.

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Payments received after February 20th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for February and March. Please contact our office for a current balance. Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2nd round of the 2023 Budget deliberations during its Special Council Meeting scheduled for March 2, 2023. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON. Greg Bedard, Director of Finance/Treasurer • 705-286-1260 ext. 504 • gbedard@mindenhills.ca

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

March 2 - Special Council Meeting - 2023 Budget Deliberations

March 9 – Regular Council Meeting

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### **NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING DRAFT 2023** WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding the Draft 2023 Water and Wastewater Rates Budget. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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### **NOTICE: ADOPTION OF 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE BUDGET AND BY-LAWS**

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will consider adopting Water and Wastewater Rate By-laws related to the 2023 Municipal Budget.

The 2023 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget and By-laws will be reviewed on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 9:00 AM during its Regular Meeting of Council, held virtually, via web conference, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

The proposed By-laws to be considered are as follows:

By-law 23-28 Wastewater Rates - Minden By-law 23-29 Water Rates - Lutterworth By-law 23-30 Water Rates - Minden

Dated this 27th day of February 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact: Greg Bedard, Director of Finance/ Treasurer 705-286-1260 ext. 504 gbedard@mindenhills.ca

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## Finalists announced for restaurant makeover

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's no secret that the number one industry in the area is tourism. That's why ACM Designs wants to start giving back to the community with their upcoming restaurant makeover contest.

"After the pandemic, we noticed that a lot of restaurants are still struggling financially," said Sophie Creelman, the marketing coordinator for ACM Designs Inc. "Between increased food costs, labour shortages, and closures, it's been a super bumpy road to recovery for them."

This was why they decided to launch the restaurant makeover campaign. Offering \$25,000 to the winner, the prize would cover all furnishings, paint, decor, chairs, flooring, and anything else the establishment would need for a fresh start. "Our whole purpose is giving back to the community," said Creelman.

The focus would be on the dining area of the restaurant, but Creelman said that oftentimes, when one space is completed, it results in a snowball effect across the rest of the facility. "Sometimes, people want to make changes in their space, but they just don't know where to start, so this project really kickstarts their next steps," she said.

While ACM provides the design work, sourcing, and decor, Creelman noted that these types of projects are truly a community effort. She shared that the following businesses are offering their supplies and services to the restaurant makeover, free of charge: Emmerson Lumber



The Bonnie View Inn was the winner of the last makeover ACM Designs offered in Haliburton County, focusing on the lobby area of accomodations. This year, they are kicking off their makeover contest with restaurants in the area, and have narrowed it down to three finalists. /photo submitted

- Kegel Heating and Cooling
- Churko Electric
- Cordell Carpet
- Yours Outdoors
- Cambria
- Quartz Co Surface

"We wanted to use local resources to help a local restaurant," Creelman said, "this project would not be possible without our partners."

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Back in 2020, ACM launched their lobby makeover contest for local accommodations. The winner was Bonnie View Inn, and the lobby was transformed over the next few years. "We gave our input about what exactly we needed to function, and ACM was able to do the rest," shared Ryan Yates, the director of operations at Bonnie View Inn.

Yates also noted that with the upgrades to the lobby, it allowed the team at Bonnie View to jump into renovations for the rest of the facility. "Now we had these ideas for the lounge and dining area as well, and we had a template to go off of based on the lobby design," he said.

Yates said that the best part of watching the lobby design come together was knowing

that it was the product of many community partners. "It's amazing to know that different businesses all chip in to make it happen," he said. "It makes it so that it's not just our project, it belongs to the whole community.'

The finalists for the restaurant makeover were announced on Feb. 27, and are Maple Avenue Tap and Grill, The Mill Pond Restaurant, and Truss Foodworks

Voting will take place until March 19, at which point ACM and partners will dive in to get the restaurant ready for the summer season. To stay tuned for updates on the restaurant makeover and to place your vote, visit www.acm-designs.com.



## Haliburton County raises tax levy 2.79%

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's warden isn't happy with some of the cuts to the 2023 capital and operating budget.

The upper tier council approved a spending plan during its regular public meeting Feb. 22 that raised the tax levy over last year by 2.79

Algonquin Highlands will kick in \$4.3 million, Dysart et al. will be billed \$8.3 million, while Highlands East and Minden Hills will contribute \$3.1 million and \$5.7 million respectively.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, listed her objections of omissions to the new spending plan. She prefaced her objections by saying she believed nobody on council would agree with her nixing the recommendations.

Danielsen spoke against cutting \$275,000 from the affordable housing reserve budget. She also thought ill of removing \$105,000 from the shoreline bylaw budget.

"But those are just my personal feelings,"

The cuts came in a second draft of the county's budget. The first draft had a tax rate increase of 6.24 per cent.

Council removed a \$10,000 Rail Trail transfer to reserve for future capital. Also removed was \$50,000 from Community Transportation project funding.

"This will not preclude council from investigating transportation options as reserve funds could be used for any expenses incurred in 2023," reads the report from the county's Committee of the Whole which tabled the budget.

Council approved a decrease of \$20,000 for economic development projects. Reserve cash will be available should any development opportunities arise in the year.

Also among the omissions was a \$34,325 housing transfer to reserve for future capital needs of existing units. This brings the level of funding for capital projects to maintain existing social housing units to the amount being requested in 2023. Staff believe there are sufficient funds in reserve (\$431,504) should capital funding requests exceed the reduced sustainability budget allocation in future years.

Council removed \$46,500 for climate change initiatives.

## Legal opinion sought on short-term rental bylaws

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Regulating short-term rentals in Haliburton County will be a two-stage process.

County council evaluated the nuts and bolts of a system to register, license, and enforce short-term rental businesses during a special meeting on the topic Feb. 27. Council will return to the issue after they get a legal opinion on some bylaw questions.

The need to regulate such businesses has been an issue in the lower tier municipalities for some time. The previous county council hired a consultant, J.L.Richards out of North Bay, to explore the county's options.

Scott Ovell, director of economic development and tourism, said regulating short-term rentals should be viewed as an "evolutionary" process.

"It's probably not going to be perfect when we start it," Ovell said. "Staff just have to be continually evaluating what's working, what's not working, and come back to council with recommended changes."

Stephen Stone, the county's director of planning, said much of the consultant's focus was directed by the previous county council. It was to consider how the Lake of Bays handle the short-term rental issue.

The structure that's being recommended consists of two bylaws: A registration bylaw and a licensing bylaw.

The registration bylaw will give the county a sense of how many such businesses are operating. The licensing requirement will serve to replace the registration bylaw.

"The two are somewhat similar sort of at the start," Stone said. "The registration bylaw is very similar definitions that're carried over to the licensing. But the licensing bylaw really is, shall we say, the foundation for the regulation of short-term rentals in the county."

It sets a fee structure and the requirements for being a business operator. It establishes performance standards, he said.

There'll be a demerit points system to discourage nuisance behaviour by renters.

"If you have ongoing nuisances with noise or other disturbances related to your short-term rental business, you could lose demerit points," Stone said. "Repeat offenders actually can go so far as to lose their ability to operate through the licensing system."

Warden Liz Danielsen, who is also mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said the county needs to have a hand in short-term rentals. And that's apparent by the concerns expressed by the public, she said.

Councillor Bob Carter, mayor of Minden Hills, said 90 days should be sufficient for short-term rental operators to register their operation with the county.

"We have no idea if there are 500 (or) 1,000 or 2,000 of these out there," Carter said. "The only way we're going to be able to do it is to set a hard deadline.

"It's not like anybody who out there is going to find this a surprise that we're doing it."

Coun. Murray Fearrey, mayor of Dysart et al, said allowing longer than 90 days wouldn't give enough time to get the plan off the ground this year.

"And I think people are expecting action on this," he said. "Yeah, they are," Danielsen said.

"In today's world with computers and all kinds of communication ... I don't know that we even need to go that far [90 days]," Fearrey said.

Coun. Lisa Schell, the deputy mayor of Minden Hills, said allowing six months as Danielsen suggested would bring the process into the summer. And that's too long.

"Ninety days is a good idea," she said. "I think it'll give us a really good indicator of perhaps how many [short-term rental properties there are within the county.

"Anybody who is interested will [register] in that time and it will give staff enough time, I think, to actually get the bylaw put in place.'

Ovell said there was 559 properties advertised in January 2022. In July 2022, there were 823 properties advertised for rent in Haliburton County.

In terms of a fee structure, the average daily rate in January was \$234. In July, the average daily rate jumped to \$341.

Through his own research as a fictcious renter, Carter said he was quoted rates much higher than what Ovell found. Carter said there wasn't a daily rate lower than \$500 when he enquired about renting a property for June.

"Many of them were well over \$1,000 per night," Carter said. "I had made a request for six people. Just to get an idea of what was going to come back."

Fearrey asked what would happen if an individual is injured or killed at a county-licensed rental property on a private road in winter.

"I think that's a major [legal] issue for us," he said.

Short-term rentals are proposed to be sorted into three classes based on number of establishments operated by owners and number of nights rented per year. Fees range from \$250 for a Class A License (the operation of one property) to \$750 for a Class C STR License (the operation of three or more properties).

County council seemed mired on the question of whether there should be two or three license classes.

Stone suggested the rate and license class be dictated by such factors as length of rentals and number of people.

Danielsen said maybe the number of bedrooms should determine license class.

"Frankly, I don't really care about the number of people there," Carter said. "I guess what I'm saying is that if I've got one unit and I'm renting it for less than 30 days, that's very much the definition of somebody who uses their cottage most of the time themselves."

He said those property owners may likely rent to friends every now and again. Another class of operator would be the person who bought the cottage solely as a money-making

"It's the number of days," Carter said.

He said a license's duration should be two or three years. That'll cut down on administration costs, he said.









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## Give them a break

**EMILY STONEHOUSE** 

Editor

E'RE A passionate community, fueled by the fire of doing better. There are housing concerns.

Transportation challenges. Environmental questions. Governmental strife. Community woes. Real issues that absolutely need to

be addressed if we have any hopes of growing, thriving, surviving. That's what the news is. It never

stops. And everyone has something to say.

While these concerns are incredibly valid, more and more, I am noticing a polarization between "us" and "them". Them being the politicians of our small town. I'm not talking about the high and mighties at provincial and federal levels (though I do have thoughts on

them I can share another time). I'm talking about the folks who used to be the neighbours you shared coffee with before they threw their names in the ring to try to make this small town just a little bit better. Whatever that looked like to them, to you, to us.

Now they're just "council". The politicians.

The ones who we can blame for the shortcomings. The faults in our town. They can never do enough. They will never be enough. Those councillors. Them.

James Matthews wrote about how county council deferred any decisions on the Grass Lake development during a Feb. 22 meeting. This is once again halting any verdicts on the contentious issue for at least another month. Probably longer

County councillors received a 486 page document on a Friday before a long weekend, and were asked to have a decision in place (a decision that will have a vast impact on the community as a whole) in a matter of days.

I don't know about you, but even as an editor, I can't read 486 pages over a weekend and walk away feeling like an expert. Especially with a family,

personal commitments, and a life outside of my day job. I'm only human.

And so are they.

I have a background in working in municipal politics. I am a taxpayer, a member of the community, and an advocate for what I believe is right in this town. Yet I have absolutely no affinity to step into the shoes of those who are sitting on our respective community councils.

Do I believe more can be done? Absolutely. Do I shake my head at some of the decisions that are made? Sure. Do I look for a place to lay blame when the frustrations continue to coagulate? Yes.

But do I have the bravery to be in the role that takes that blame? That makes the decisions for the masses?

That tries to do more but hits roadblocks; one after the other after the other? That's a hard pass from

The muddled part about councils, is that they are the voices of all of us. There are some bad eggs and good apples, but for the most part, they are trying to follow the rules, stay in line, and do what's

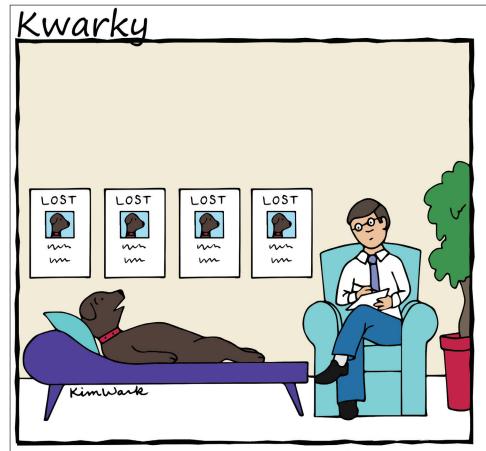
right. Even if it means taking time to read 486 pages in order to make an educated decision.

If you're frustrated by your town, that means you care. I respect that.

But instead of lashing out as a keyboard warrior behind the safety of your screen, I invite you to take constructive action. Delegations are open to the public, and your councillors are readily available and accessible via municipal websites to chat about accountability.

If you're still not happy, consider stepping into a volunteer role that benefits your community, running for council, or at the very least, do some research and cast your vote during the next election.

They used to be your neighbours. They still are. We're all just trying our best, so give them a break.



"Every time I try to grow up and move out, my mom posts a million lost dog posters. "

## Survival of the fittest

ESTERDAY, I FINALLY broke down and bought an inflatable personal flotation device.

It was a purchase I had been considering for a long time.

Mostly because I figured it would provide an extra level of safety when I wade and fish in fast water, but also because I believe I will wear it in the boat and canoe, rather than sit on it as I do my old PFD. And wearing a PFD is the smart thing to do.

What I didn't take into account was the curiosity factor and how it

would affect me.

You see the model I bought can be inflated in three ways. You can blow it up by mouth. You can pull a rip cord to activate the CO2 charge that inflates it. Or you can just wait for 10 seconds once you have immersed yourself in water and the CO2 charge will self-inflate.

The problem is the last two options cost you about \$45 every time you use them. Which is to say they inflate only once before the CO2 components need to be replaced. This obviously rules out routinely wearing my inflatable PFD in the hathtub Or does it?

You see I am curious as to what it looks and feels like once inflated. This is only natural. Every time I get a new toy, I try

That's why I almost immediately inflated the unit by blowing it up. That part

But that rip cord keeps taunting me. They made it yellow so its hard to ignore. I want to ignore it. Oh, believe me, I

want to. But the darn thing is yellow. Bright yellow.

Don't get me wrong. I know it would be pointless and wasteful to spend \$45 just to see a life jacket inflate. Then again, how do I know that it will inflate when I pull the rip cord or immerse in water if I never try it? Am I supposed to just take their word for it?

This is a dilemma for me. I'm not a trusting man.

But I also know that if I wore it in the bathtub and it inflated, I would feel silly. After all, I could wear my conventional

PFD in the tub for free.

I mean \$45 for a new kit is kind of steep.

And even if I did prove my new unit works by wearing it in the tub, I would still wonder about the rip cord.

For instance, does it have another use? Is a parachute somehow packed within that PFD? I will never know until I pull that rip cord. I mean you don't want to find out you

have a parachute when you need a PFD. Plus, the darn thing is yellow. Bright yellow.

Frankly, I am at a loss.

Jenn keeps reminding me that the company that made my inflatable PFD has been doing this forever and notes that they have a great track record in reliability. She says I should save myself the \$90 it would cost me to try the other options and just trust them.

Still, she understands that the yellow rip cord is taunting me. They made it bright yellow. But she says that my PFD was expensive enough without the cost of inflation.



**STEVE GALEA** Beyond 35

## **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## A needed **COVID** inquiry

ANADIAN POLITICIANS have been working diligently to complete a new long-term agreement on how health care will operate in this

Sounds nice, but they are neglecting something that will help us all better understand the health threats of the future and how to survive them. They have yet to appoint a strong, fully independent inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic.

An independent federal inquiry into COVID-19 is not needed to assess wrongdoing and assign blame. It is needed to detail how our governments, and society in general, handled the pandemic. What was done right, what mistakes were

made and how to avoid them in future.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Officially there have been 757 million COVID-19 cases worldwide since the outbreak was reported in China three years ago. The World Health Organization (WHO) says those cases have resulted in 6.8 million

Canada has reported 4.6 million cases and 51,300 deaths. The number of cases is hugely underestimated because we all know people who have had COVID but have isolated and treated themselves without reporting

Without question the COVID pandemic is the most serious health threat of modern times and it is not over. WHO says that roughly 80,000 new cases still are being reported every 24 hours.

Many health experts say COVID will be a longstanding health threat and that other viral threats will continue to develop.

The federal government needs to appoint a top-level judge with strong legal and research teams to probe deeply how the COVID-19 outbreak was managed.

The inquiry also is needed to investigate the pandemic's shocking side effects that have changed our world. COVID has helped to push us into a fully-blown mental health crisis that has seen increased crime, violence and other social

Research commissioned by WHO indicates that during the pandemic, depression and anxiety increased by more than 25 per cent.

Covid has been devastating for some parts of the economy and has created serious setbacks in the education system. It is important that we develop ways to avoid, or better manage, serious side effects in future.

Most important for an inquiry is to ensure that lessons learned from Covid-19 are never forgotten and recommendations are followed. We don't need yet another commission of inquiry report that sits in the dark collecting dust.

Twenty years ago, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) arrived from China, infecting 400 Canadians, killing 44. The Ontario government established the SARS Commission, headed by Mr. Justice Archie Campbell, to investigate where the virus came from, how it spread and how the outbreak was managed.

Justice Campbell's key recommendation was that the precautionary principle be a main guide post in any infectious disease outbreak.

The precautionary principle states that when there is reasonable evidence of a public health threat we should not wait for scientific certainty before taking action to avert the threat. In another words, err on the side of caution to protect the public and health care workers.

That principle was not followed during the COVID-19 pandemic. If it had been, the outbreak would have been less devastating.

A COVID inquiry also needs to look into the serious consequences of mixing politics with science. We allowed politics to distort the clear thinking so vital in

Politics entered COVID debates early and heavily. The amount of misinformation, and outright disinformation during COVID has been shocking and damaging to medical efforts to manage the crisis.

Most of us now have COVID information overload, with much information not supported by provable facts.

Now is the time for an independent commission to begin gathering all the provable facts about COVID-19, and all the lessons to learn from it. Mr. Justice Campbell wrote in his SARS report that lessons learned can help redeem our

He added:

"If we do not learn the lessons to be taken from SARS, however, and if we do not make present governments fix the problems that remain, we will pay a terrible price in the face of future outbreaks of virulent disease."

We have paid a terrible price from COVID. We should be doing everything possible now to avoid paying a terrible price from the next one.

### letters to the editor

## We get to decide

Re: James' editorial about food insecurity:

James, we are the deciding class in matters of

social justice. We need to figure out how to as-

sume that responsibility responsibly, and avoid

becoming yet another accusatory finger that wags in all directions but ourselves.

> Fay Martin, Minden



### **Taking a stand against bullying**

The staff at the Minden Animal Hospital rocked their pink shirts on Feb. 22 to celebrate Pink Shirt Day, a national day of recognizing bullying and harassment in schools and workplaces, and taking a stand against it. It was celebrated around the county in businesses, organizations, and schools. /Photo submitted

## Join Aging Together as Community

Saturday, Mar. 4, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at West Guilford Recreational Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, we will:

• Regroup and review the outcomes of our incredibly productive Jan. 28 meeting and hear back from the small working groups.

• Continue to build a community vision for 2023 setting goals and timelines.

Please share this information with young and old and bring a friend.

New participants are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Donations are gratefully appreciated.

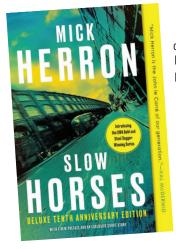
Please register on our Facebook page: www.eventbrite.ca/e/aging-togetheras-community-open-meeting-at-west-guilford-rec-centre-tickets-532365217697.

A virtual option is available for the meeting.

Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/87400556 234?pwd=TlF5MithSGpocVVwbldTZDUw emdqdz09https.

Submitted by Bonnie Roe

### **HCPL's Book of the Week**



Slough House is where washed up MI5 agents go to die. Nicknamed the "slow horses," these are agents who have disgraced themselves in some way and have been put out to pasture, doing tedious jobs because no one trusts them with anything important. Slow Horses is the first book in Mick Herron's award-winning espionage thriller series, and follows washed-up agent River Cartwright as he tries to redeem himself by saving a young man who was abducted. The Slough House series has recently been adapted into a series on Apple TV+, but as they say ... the book is always better!

Slow Horses by Mick Herron is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

# 'Once a Hawk, always a Hawk'

by VIVIAN COLLINGS

Times Staff

The saying at the corner of the hallway across from the main office in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School rings true for principal Jenn Mills and vice principal Martin Gage.

Both are graduates of HHSS, and the Red Hawks alumni have taken their new positions by the talons to lead the school to be an inclusive environment full of opportunities.

"We want to reach everyone, and we want everyone that comes through these doors to feel connected to the school, not just in academics, but in other ways, too," said Mills. "We want the students' mental health, wellbeing, and sense of belonging to be a top priority."

Since transitioning from vice principal to principal when Chris Boulay took a position with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Mills has put a strong emphasis on "school life", which was her favourite part of attending HHSS as a teenager.

Although some things have changed since she walked the halls lined with red lockers and encouraging quotes, the benefits of extracurriculars have not.

"My main message to students is to find a way to get involved. It helps you meet more people outside your social groups and you get to know the staff in a different environment. And this hasn't changed," she said. "My favourite part of HHSS as a teenager was being involved in school life, being on sports teams, getting involved in activities or school events, and creating lasting friendships."

In addition to academics, students can choose to be part of plenty of different clubs, sports, or social activities, all run by staff members who volunteer their time or the students themselves.

The school offers Interact, eco, math, chess, knitting, and book clubs as well as intramural and team sports.

Events like school dances and spirit days have returned.

To address students' mental health, the



HHSS alumni, Jenn Mills and Martin Gage, are the new principal and vice principal of the school and aim to create inclusive opportunites for all students. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

school's counselor Nichole Fielder and other staff members are launching the Self Care Crew, and have created a safe space for students to spend time in and learn about wellness.

"We couldn't do any of it without the amazing staff here," Mills said.

The energy at the school is palpable. For the staff at HHSS, teaching isn't just a job, which, in turn, broadens the definition of being a student at the school.

"Our staff put so much into volunteering extra time to create opportunities outside the classroom. I think the kids notice it," she said

It helps to forge new relationships between staff and students built on mutual respect.

"They don't just see them as their teachers. That's the goal, to have a culture of inclusivity among everyone at the school," Mills said.

Although she didn't know how her career would play out at the time, the HHSS alumna had teaching at the back of her mind since walking across the stage at graduation.

After receiving her undergraduate and master's degree, Mill's plan was to get her doctorate to become a professor, but the highlands were calling her back.

"My husband and I both wanted to come back to Haliburton County to raise a family and be closer to our families, so I took the path to teacher's college, and I am so glad I did. I love this community," she said.

It was the same for Gage, who has lived in Haliburton since age 11.

He worked as a teacher in Haliburton County from 2008 until 2017, and then took a position as vice principal of Bobcaygeon Public School, transitioning to Adult and Alternate Learning Education, and then working at Fenelon Falls Secondary School before returning home.

"The position of vice principal wasn't something I always wanted, but is something I grew to want. The most rewarding part is getting to work with the many amazing students I have met over the years, and watching them grow into young adults," Gage said.

Mills said Gage has been an integral part of the team. Both are excited for the future of the school and to continue providing more opportunities for students that they will take with them for their entire lives.

"We'll create the spaces, the clubs and the activities when students ask. That's why I love it here so much. The energy in this school in both the staff and students is so welcoming, fun, and inviting," Mills said.

# **Advertising & Marketing Communications Services**

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## Ontario 👸

# Need grows for women's outreach, support services

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The number of women needing emergency outreach and counselling services has been on the rise in Haliburton County.

Women in the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace [HERS] counselling program increase by 17 per cent from 2019 to 2020. And there was a 26 per cent increase in women who availed of its outreach program in that time.

"The number of women receiving support prior to COVID to the present has seen a steady increase," said Nycole Duncan, the YWCA Women's Centre and HERS manager, Feb 23 during a Minden Hills town council meeting.

Since its opening in 2006, HERS has served 10,187 women and their children in the county.

The YWCA Women's Centre and HERS provides safety, resources, and 24-hour support for women affected by gender-based

violence.

"We would request that the YWCA Women's Centre and HERS be considered for any available funding that the municipality may provide for the continued safety and wellbeing of the women and children of Haliburton County," Duncan said.

HERS offers a woman and her children a safe, independent, staff-supported place to land when leaving an abusive situation. HERS provides two independent living spaces for women, with or without children, for stays of up to 60 days, which can be extended if needed until safe housing has been secured.

In Minden Hills, Duncan said they provide support that reduces barriers that may be specific to rural living.

Duncan said it's a myth that HERS gets funding from corporate sponsors. Rather, they receive some funding from Ministry of Children and Social Services, and from donations and gifts from individuals and community groups.

"Funds raised in Haliburton County always stay local to our women's centre of Haliburton County and HERS," she said.



It was smiles all around at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden when the Haliburton County Huskies joined the Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics team for bowling.



**Lucas Anderson** of the Red Wolves and Nick Dowling of the Huskies



Hanging with the Huskies and the Wolves

Alex Cunningham of the Haliburton County Huskies and Brodie Mason of the Haliburton County Red Wolves take a break together during their bowling games on Feb. 22. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

### **Huskies in a huff**

during their

swap strategies

bowling game.

Players share a hug after Sam Solarino scores a goal in the third period during a power play in their game against the Toronto Junior Canadiens on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. It ended in a 7-1 loss for the Huskies in a game that was riddled with penalties and misconducts for both teams, resulting in 24 infractions and a total of 102 penalty minutes for the Huskies and 17 infractions and 71 penalty minutes for the Junior Canadiens. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





Forward Josh Currie pushes the puck up the ice to the Toronto Junior Canadiens' side.

## **PROGRAM** REGISTRATION



Youth Soccer & Women's Soccer **REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE NOW** WWW.DYSARTETAL.CA

**Ball Hockey**\* & New To You Community Yard Sale **REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE MARCH 6, 2023** 

\*VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED FOR BALL HOCKEY

# A decade of making dreams come true

by AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE

Special to the Times

Ten years ago, Lochlin resident Jenn Abbott donated a prom dress to a local youth looking for one, and it sparked an idea for something bigger.

"That's how it started – I loved the idea. I got the ball rolling and created a name and a Facebook page, and it kind of exploded from there," she said.

Make Dreams Come True is a volunteer service run out of Abbott's home that offers free clothing and accessories to graduating students needing formal wear.

The dresses, suits and accessories (including shoes, jewelry, belts and hats) are available to Grade 8, Grade 12, and Adult Education students from Haliburton County who need them for graduation, prom, or semi-formal.

The homeschooling mother of four estimates that she gets requests from between 15-20 students per year, and that numbers have been climbing as clothing and transportation costs increase.

"People don't want to go out and buy a suit or dress they might only wear once or twice," she said. "There's a lot of need for it. It's hard to go grad shopping because there's nothing up here, and people have to travel, and it's expensive."

"It's been going strong. We're now in our tenth year.'

In the past, Abbott set up the service in local community centres and service clubs as a one-day event where people could visit to donate or pick up dresses and suits. She now runs the service from her home in Lochlin.



An Adult Education graduate and her daughter, a Kindgergarten graduate, wearing the dresses they found for their special day. /Photo by Chantel Smith

"Since Covid, and because I'm a one man start pulling out everything from storage in show, we do it differently," said Abbott. "I

March and April. The second people can get

me their colour and size, and the specifics of what they're looking for, I go through what I have and there might be five options in the bag. Whatever outfits they choose not to keep, they bring back."

The Make Dreams Come True service offers a free goody bag that includes jewellery, makeup and sunglasses, and a free 25-minute family photo session with Chantal Smith, who has provided photography services since the initiative started ten years ago. Abbott also arranges for students to get their nails and hair done with participating local businesses.

She said students usually find what they want because of the large variety of donated materials in her storage – around 1000 dresses, suits, and shoes. Some of the donations are unused, with price tags attached. Alterations can be arranged at a cost.

Abbott said the service is only possible thanks to the donations of products and services by businesses and individuals.

"This is community giving back to the community. Without businesses and individuals donating their time and doing the things that they do, it wouldn't be possible."

Abbott accepts clothing and accessory donations in good, clean condition any time of year and welcomes donations from individuals living outside the county.

She urges interested students and parents to contact her as soon as they know their clothing preferences so she can go through the options in her inventory.

Donors, parents and students can contact her through the Make Dreams Come True Facebook page, or text her at 705-286-0906.



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### **Minden Hills Advisory Committees Call for Committee Members**

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the following Advisory Committees for the 2023-2026 term of Council:

> Community Services Advisory Committee Cultural Centre Advisory Committee **Events Advisory Committee** Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee Planning and Development Advisory Committee

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in any of the above committees, please submit a completed application form in person, by mail or email to:

### **Advisory Committee Applications**

Clerk's Department, Township of Minden Hills 7 Milne Street, PO Box 359 Minden, ON K0M 2K0

sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is Friday, March 17, 2023, by 12:00 noon.

For an Application Form or for more information, please visit our website www.mindenhills/ Local Government/Committees and Boards, or contact admin@mindenhills.ca or call the Clerk's Department at 705-286-1260 ext. 512

## MAID for Dementia

Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

→ UE RODRIGUEZ, the Canadian right-to-die activist, diagnosed at age 41 with ALS (aka Lou Gehrig's disease), famously asked a parliamentary committee considering medically assisted death in 1992, 24 years before legislation was eventually passed, two years before Sue ended her life illegally: "If I cannot give consent to my own death, whose body is this? Who owns my life?"

Rodriguez had a reasonably foreseeable death, but she didn't care to participate in the later stages of what she could see, and if she left it too late, she wouldn't be able to communicate her wish to exit.

Sandra Martin, in her book, A Good Death, published in 2016, just before Canada's passed Bill C-7, Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID), traces in detail the long and

careful exploration of this many-faceted question, in an international context, that eventually led to legislation. The federal government is now struggling with the next layer of complexity, whether/how under what circumstances the legislation applies to other than 'reasonably forseeable' death. The hot button issue seems to be whether intractable mental illness - depression is what is being talked about - should be sufficient eligibility for MAID. I'm not sure if dementia is being considered a mental illness, but I think it is the very large elephant under the rug.

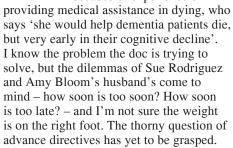
Amy Bloom, well-known American novelist, in her 2022 book, In Love: a memoir of love and loss, describes assisting her husband to achieve his adamant wish for medically assisted death when he was diagnosed with early onset dementia. It is not locally available, so they arrange to travel to Dignitas in Zurich, Switzerland, the long-time destination for those who seek – and can afford: Bloom's well-to-do sister provides them with \$30,000 to bankroll their journey, \$20K for the procedure, \$10K for the bucket list – medically assisted death. One of the challenges was neutralizing a diagnosis of depression because it would automatically disqualify him from the procedure. In his case, the diagnosis was an unwarranted, likely careless, perhaps desperate tick-box entry to justify a MRI, but it was the cause of much angst. And confusion: being unhappy, maybe even depressed, might be a reasonable response to being diagnosed with a terrible, terminal disease like dementia.

The thornier consideration, by its nature a cliff-hanger, was whether Bloom's husband, Brian, would 'pass' two psychiatric

examinations, conducted by different individuals, in the three days prior to the procedure, to give his 'informed consent': did his dementia-muddled mind fully comprehend the decision to end his life? Dementia on a day-to-day basis – heck, an hour-to-hour, situation-to-situation basis! – is a variable disease. The person's behaviour fluctuates depending on god knows what inputs. Unfamiliar and stress-

ful circumstances – like, say, taking a plane to Zurich, hunkering down in a hotel room, being surveilled by a bunch of strange people – could cause a sharp dip in functioning: I can absolutely imagine the anxiety that Bloom was suffering as Brian was under the gun to perform.

Martin, in her book, interviews a Swiss doctor with decades of experience of



The current debate around whether and how mental illness should be included in our MAID amendments is including discussion about access to appropriate treatment, even backing into the right to the social determinants of health. The 'right' to appropriate treatment is going to be a difficult one as it applies to dementia. Particularly since there is no treatment in sight, only management. Particularly when more than half the people diagnosed with dementia in Canada are relatively invisibly cared for at home (and that doesn't count those who are not yet diagnosed but have the disease). Particularly if/when behaviour attributable to the illness are lifethreatening to caregivers, or to co-residents in care facilities. Particularly when there seems to be a rise in diagnoses of early onset dementia when people are physically healthy and life expectancy may be very

The balance between the right to life and the right to death is a tricky one. We'll

Fay Martin is an emerging writer whose work in progress may be adopting a new title, maybe The Great Invisibility, as she broadens her net to include all kinds of caregivers.





### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up. close. and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. File No. PLSRA2022033: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front 1004 Minstrel Court located within Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden
- 2. File No. PLSRA2022065: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1045 Disk Drive located within Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- 3. File No. PLSRA2022068: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1017 Minstrel Court located within Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden

You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than March 25, 2023.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than March 25, 2023.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons) Township Planning Consultant 705-742-2297x278 adougherty@mindenhills.ca



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Nordic ski team competed in the 2023 OFSAA Nordic Skiing Championship at Kawartha Nordic Ski Club in Lakefield on Feb. 24. The HHSS junior girls team performed very strongly overall, finishing fourth as a Olivia Humphries, front, placed sixth out of 72 competitors in the high team in the individual distance races and fourth in their sprint relay, competing against some schools that field very large teams and ski programs. /Submitted by Karen



school senior girls distance race at OFSAA. Violet Humphries and Olivia Humphries both had a podium finish in their individual races in the high school division, finishing eighth and sixth respectively.

## Red Hawks rock OFSAA

by KAREN GERVAIS Special to the Times

After once again scrambling to elude the bad weather last week's winter storm tossed

our way, the Red Hawk Nordic Ski team was able to compete in the provincial OFSAA meet at Lakefield College School Thursday and Friday. The event started with individual races on Thursday, with over 100 skiers in each division. In the Junior Boys 5km race,

Haiden Bird put together his best race of the season, finishing 73rd in the high school division.

In Junior Girls, training buddies Hannah Sharp and Teagan Hamilton managed to finish together on the results sheet in 73rd and 74th, despite starting at very different times. The OFSAA race was conducted through individual starts with a skier leaving the line every 15 seconds.

Grace Allder cracked the top half of the standings in 46th. Olivia Gruppe flew around the course, taking home 26th, Erika Hoare and Ella Gervais took home 12th and 15th respectively, and Violet Humphries had a podium finish in eighth, taking home Hal High's first ribbon of the event. With their combined total as a team in the individual races, the junior girls finished the day in fourth, a big accomplishment as there is no division between club and high school skiers when it comes to teams.

In the Senior Girls 7.5k race, Olivia Humphries put down the team's best race of the day, making the podium in sixth in the high school senior girls division. Olivia also finished more than a minute ahead of friendly rival COSSA club skier Reese Shufelt, whom Humphries had been trailing by a hair in every race this season.

The 4x900m sprint relays took place in frigid conditions on Friday morning. The relay team of Olivia Gruppe, Ella Gervais, Erika Hoare and Violet Humphries finished 2nd in their semi-final heat, with the 4th fastest time of the morning to qualify for the afternoon final. The girls took a few hours of rest and then came out on fire for the sprint relay final, cutting over a minute off of their time from the morning. Their training at Glebe served them well as they all made up ground on their competitors in the final steep climb at the end of their lap. While they were able to significantly close the gap on the third place Huntsville team, it wasn't enough to catch them. The girls ended up finishing fourth in the relay, also significantly widening the gap between them and fifth place Lo Ellen Park Knights from Sudbury.

A special mention to Hannah Sharp who skied a blistering exhibition 900m sprint race, winning her heat decisively and finishing midway in the rankings including both high school and club skiers.

Coaches Mike Rieger and Karen Gervias are super proud of the amazing accomplishments of our skiers this season and are already looking forward to next year and hoping to have even more athletes join this powerhouse crew!

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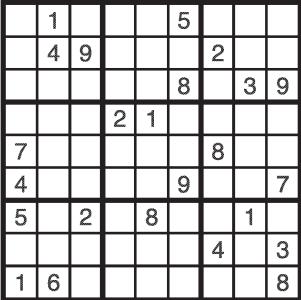
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Answers on page 15



### Wildcats roar in volleyball

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School girls volleyball team placed first out of six schools at the Division A County Volleyball Tournaments held at ASES on Wednesday, Feb. 15. /Submitted by Cheryl Patterson











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THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10633.

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Dated: March 1st 2023

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Applicant: Ott & Bierema Lot 7, Concession 3, Boshkung Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

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Service club members, volunteers, and interested parties met at the future site of Minden's first official community garden at the Minden Fairgrounds on Feb. 24. The gardens are set to start construction once the snow melts. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

# Community gardens taking seed

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's been a long time coming, but plans for Minden's first community garden are starting to bloom.

The primary organizers - Minden Rotary Club and Minden Food Centre - hosted an informal meeting at the Dominion Hotel on Feb. 21 to discuss logistics. Here, they were met with some questions from the Minden Kin Club and the Minden Agricultural Society. Instead of talking in circles, the groups decided to meet onsite on Feb. 24 to map it out.

So, on a crisp morning, a dozen representatives and interested community members arrived onsite at the Minden Fairgrounds with maps, drawings, and tape measures in hand. There were questions surrounding access to water, lawn maintenance, ice track logistics, and location for where the sheep would live during the Minden Agricultural Fair, which will be returning in 2023.

The idea for a community garden has been floating around for years, and the wheels for this particular plan were put in motion in fall of 2022. It has since been approved by Minden council, with a formal agreement passed by bylaw. The arrangement is in place based on a "pilot project" initiative, with intentions of following up in a year to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement.

Gary Stoner, a member of the Haliburton County Food Centre in Minden is adamant that this project will help locals in the community. "Our numbers [at the Food Bank] are up over 20 per cent from where we were last year in terms of

families using the services" he told the Times. "We want to encourage clients to consider taking a plot to help the families

Yet Stoner noted that the concept of a "community" garden goes beyond having a shared plot of land. The project will also require input and support from the community as a whole. "We are looking for help from people who can put up deer fencing, donate tools and water hoses, source natural mulch material, anyone who wants to help, in any way," he

The project is plotted out to have 15 raised beds, as that is what the organizers have a budget for during the first year of trial. While they are seeking additional funding to develop more, they have left room aside for when the garden is able to expand. Each plot is four by 12 feet, and would cost \$20 to use for the season. Participants would have until June 1 to plant their garden, and must have the plot cleared out by October, unless they are planning on renewing the rented space.

Currently, the program is offered on a first come, first served basis, but Stoner noted that anyone is welcome to get involved. "There will be mentoring opportunities available for those who have never gardened before, and just want to learn," said Stoner.

"This may be experimental for the first year," said Stoner, 'but there is an incredible value to it, especially given the

The gardens are set to start breaking ground as soon as the snow melts at the Minden Fairgrounds, to be ready for a busy growing season ahead.



### Ice racing update

Minden ice racing has seen four successful weekends so far at the Minden Fairgrounds ice track, though organizers have shared that they have had to reduce their race laps in order to keep the track fully operational. "We are grateful to the Kin Club for their valiant efforts in making the track," shared racing director Brad Elkins. "Hopefully we will get to complete the season." Ice racing runs every weekend over the winter at the Minden Fairgrounds. Visit their page on Facebook for all updates. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

# MHCA seeking members who want to give back

Minden Health Care Auxiliary held a draw for 48 bottles of wine and a wheelbarrow on Nov. 26 and the winner was Mike Cusato of Minden. A big thanks to Canadian Tire for donating the wheelbarrow.

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary inducted a new board of directors at their recent meeting held at the curling club.

Despite the impact of Covid the MCHA is back to work with several fundraising events and the gift shop at the LTC. The Auxiliary consists of members of the community who dedicate time and effort to fundraise for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. The funds help to purchase equipment and other items for the hospital and LTC that are not covered by the government. We raised over \$15,000 this year that will help buy things for Hyland Crest and the Emergency dept. We are always looking for new members and your commitment can be as little as working the gift shop for 3 hours a month or doing a one day event. It is a fun social group with a great impact on the community.

For further information, please contact Gail at 705-286-4087 or Pat at 705-934-0011.

Submitted

Mike and Loretta Cusato of Minden were the winners of the MHCA wine and wheelbarrow draw in November.





### **Celebrating local services**

On Feb. 15 the 100 Women Who Care Haliburton group voted to choose a charity to donate to. This was done by selecting three nominated charities, then having the members vote to select a winner. This time, the winner was SIRCH. On Feb. 22 a cheque for \$5,800 was presented to SIRCH. From left, Gena Robertson and Linda Kay of SIRCH with Pat Bradley, Tina Palmer and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box of 100 Women Who Care Haliburton. Anyone who is interested in joining the group should visit https://100wwchaliburton.wixsite.com/ mysite/learn-more and download a membership form. /Photo submitted



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Applicant: Raftis Lots 19 & 20, Concession 10, Little Hawk Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

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I am predeceased by my husband Roy (January 25, 2005) and by our son Peter (January 21, 2017). I am loved by my daughter Pamela and her husband Rick Dunsford of Fenelon Falls. I'm the loving Grams to Kris (Dianne), Kevin (Thera), Jocelyn (Joe), Jeffery (Emily) and (great-grandmother) GG to Ethan, Nathan, Connor, MacKay, Rubena, Evelyn, Ella and Zachary. I cherished our relationships and hope I've encouraged you to be your best.

I was born March 25, 1928 to Rubena (nee Thomas) and George MacKay of Hindon Hill. My siblings being sister Ethel and brother George. I'm grateful to have reached my 95th year and attribute it to motto's like these: "PMA" Positive Mental Attitude, ' Nothing is as bad as it could be Worse ", " Do onto others as you would have them do unto you" and lastly "1 - 2 - 3 Happy Days".

People whom influenced me and I hope I influenced them are the PSW's, nurses and Dr's who provided care for me in Minden at the farmhouse and the last four years at Fenelon Court LTC in Fenelon Falls.

My family invites you to gather at the Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, March 10th, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate My Life at 1:00 pm. Following the service you are invited to a Reception at the Church Hall downstairs.

My immediate family will hold my internment at Minden Cemetery on Friday, June

Memorial Donations to the Parkinson's Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Fred on Feb 23, 2023. He passed quietly with his wife, Carol by his side. Family left to mourn is Monica (Tim) Keefer and Troy Miles; grandsons Ethan & Dylan Keefer; brothers Tom (Sandra), George (Glenda), Barry (Maxine) and oodles of nieces & nephews. The hunting buddies, Mother-in-law Pat Miller, Brother-inlaw Rick (Diane) Lichty and sister-in-law Carla (Steve) Stewart will miss the man immensely. Predeceased by brothers Murray (2019) and

Perry (1989), parents George (1993) & Grace (1982) Simmons.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be when the weather is much warmer. If you feel inclined to send an expression of sympathy, consider donating to the B.L.C.D. (Irondale's historical society of which Fred was a director). These can be e transfers to historical@IrondaleOntario.ca or cheques mailed to Box 113 Irondale, Ontario K0M 1X0 or donate to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation www.hhhs.ca/foundation. Fred's family appreciates any and all sentiments.

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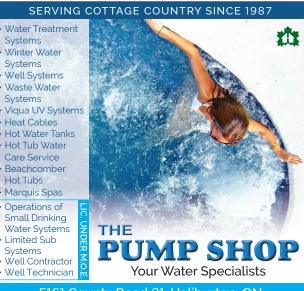
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## Warm weather causes a variety of problems

The two week stretch of warm weather has virtually knocked the pins out from under the tourist trade in the county. As snow on cross country ski and snowmobile trails dwindled this past week, resort owners throughout the region began receiving cancellations. Caught by the warm weather, most resort operators are not optimistic about the final month of the winter season. Most feel the "spirit" of the season has now been broken and it is now impossible to recover the momentum which was

created early this year.

The warm weather has raised the levels of most creeks and rivers in the county. Lakes show wet slushy areas and while there is still thick ice in many areas, sections of open water are expanding as air temperatures and water flows increase.

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ground to a halt as frozen The review and assessment

a week to enable the last of the logging to be completed before the end of March.

According to maple syrup producer Wally Crofts the mild conditions have not yet hurt this season's potential flow. Crofts noted that sunshine is the key to bud growth and sap flow. The mild weather of the last two weeks has generally been without sunshine. He said there could be problems if the temperature remains above normal, but commented that flow. Crofts said a return to colder temperatures for next two weeks would help put the maple syrup season back on schedule.



The Reverend George Elliott of St. Paul's Anglican, Minden leads the colour party as the annual Scout church parade held Sunday. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides were in attendance at the service which marks the birthday of the founder of the Scouting movement, Lord Baden Powell.

### Plan considered by county Official

contained in the county-wide and water flows increase.

A Ministry of Natural Resources spokesman reports being followed, members of that minor flooding is being Haliburton County Council experienced along the Burnt River south of Kinmount, but full scale appraisal of the are staying within the banks. possibility of expanding the are staying within the banks. possibility of expanding the Cold temperatures are needed document into an Official at this point to slow the runoff created by the weather the
MNR spokesman commentFebruary 18 meeting, to hold at least one workshop to Loggers have also been enable them to become more aught by the warm temper- familiar with the development

access roads slowly turned to was one of three options cona thick mire under the wheels sidered by the council. The of the heavy logging planning committee of equipment. Cold dry conditions will be needed for at least week with representatives of county. It identified specific sensitive areas and suggested that would be suitable for in-

the Ministry of Housing to consider the alternatives. The other two options which were rejected, were to continue with the strategy as the municipalities have been doing, or enter a full scale appraisal and Official Plan preparation. The councillors chose the

middle route, opting to become more familiar with the development strategy while at the same time carrying out studies to deter-mine if there is a need for a county-wide official plan.

The development strategy is a document prepared last year which outlines the direction planning was to take in the

dustrial, commerical and recreational development. The strategy has received the approval of the Minister of Housing but the document has no legal standing. It is a guide to municipal councils. developers and the public as to the general wish of plann-

ers for the county.

It is on this point that the strategy differs widely from an Official Plan. Such a document, approved by the Housing Ministry, is considered a legal expression of development wishes in the planning area. The Ontario Municipal Board accepts statements contained in Official Plans when evidence is presented in development hearings, whereas the development strategy currently in use in the county

is generally considered a guide but not policy. The evaluation which the county has agreed to under-

with the suggestion that the planning strategy, approved just last year, is being ignored by many of the municipal councils in whole or in part. Warden Murray Fearrey stated, "The strategy is not being enforced and we should ensure that it is." He noted that an Official Plan does not "lock municipalities into a certain planning strategy". He said that changes could be made, but that these changes would require public scrutiny before being approved.

"What we are really asking here," the Warden comment-ed, "is to have the municipal-ities utilize the present development strategy and then take it one step further, to prepare ourselves for future

The members of the council generally endorsed the idea of a workshop to enable the members to become more familiar with the planning strategy. Former Warden

Malcolm MacGillivray described it as a step in the right direction.

The councillors however, appeared to be a bit uncertain about extending the assess-ment to determine if an Official Plan would be of value to the county. However, in the end the members of the council agreed to the study and the work will now begin.

Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell questioned the need of the planning committee of the county council to review severances and other matters approved by the municipal councils. The suggestion that these items be reviewed by the committee was made by the Warden. Gambell noted the county already employs a land severance committee to review the municipal severances. The Warden said he felt the extra review was needed to ensure provisions of the development strategy were being followed.

# Hyland Crest budget tops \$1 million mark

With the suggestion from County Warden Murray Fearrey that the request for a budget increase for Hyland Crest was "no more out of line than the others received by County Council today (February 18)", the budget proposed for the operation of the home was taken under advisement by the council The group had just finished hearing requests from various county agencies for their 1981 allottment when Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell, chairman of the board of management of the home, told the meeting the Hyland Crest budget had broken through the \$1 million mark.

While a large portion of the funding for the home will come from the provincial government local taxpayers to contribute \$127,000 this year. This compares with \$90,000 from

the local taxpayers last year.
(It should be noted that at this point the budget figures

are requests. The county of the departments).

that last year the total budget for the home was close to \$900,000 and that this year the result of an unanticipated wage settlement and increased expenses. Gambell noted that pressures will be

always been a budget surplus home.

Gambell pointed out that council's budget committee the home is carrying a greater will be meeting shortly to approve, reduce and set the amount to be received by each increased from 38 to 42. f the departments). "These people require round-dambell told the meeting the-clock care," he told the meeting. Hyland Crest has a 60 bed capacity.

Stanhope Reeve Jim Harr-ison asked if the committee Stanhope Reeve Jim Harrboard of management is projecting an expenditure of \$1,007,000. He pointed out that a portion of the increase will be used to cover a deficit of \$31,000 from 1980, the result of an unactioned. part-time staff be better utilized?"

Gambell said there are only two full-time nurses on staff similar pressures will be now and that the committee exerted on the budget of the had reviewed the situation home during the coming year.

The Lutterworth Reeve that no changes could be The Lutterworth Reeve also suggested that budget requests in the past have not been realistic. Former board of management chairman Harrison pointed out the of management chairman Harrison pointed out the Bob Vick, Reeve of Snowdon board of management was Township, responded to the charged with the responsibilcomment by noting there had ity of setting policy at the

take will assess the benefits that could be gained by creating an Official Plan for the County. A representative of the Housing Ministry, Pat Vanini, told the councillors that there was not enough information gathered at this point to say whether an Official Plan would be of value. She said the study would examine the costs of planning as it is now carried out at the municipal level and whether having a central plan, with planning staff, could reduce this expense. The investigation will also study the problems of integrating a county-wide plan with the one which now exists in Dysart et

The study will cost, accord ing to Vanini, between \$5,000 and \$10,000 with 50% of the expense being covered by provincial funds. Dysart, since it already has an Official Plan, would not be requiredto contribute to the costs of

Several councillors agreed

### List revisions now underway

Revision of voters lists for the 32nd Ontario general election started Monday and will continue to March 7.

In this two-week period, additions will be made to the preliminary lists of electors that are prepared following the door-to-door enumera-

Returning Officers for the Province's 125 electoral districts will consider such changes during their posted office hours.

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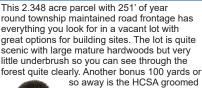


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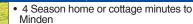


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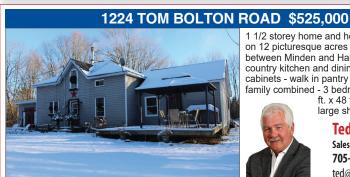
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